

## PRE-COURSE WORK ASSIGNMENT

<b>COURSE:</b>	Fire Program Management, M-581
<b>LESSON:</b>	G - Wildland Fire Use
<b>UNIT:</b>	4 - Program Implementation
<b>SUGGESTED TIME:</b>	1.5 hours
<b>EQUIPMENT:</b>	Computer, Internet Access
<b>MATERIALS:</b>	Pre-course Work Assignment; <b>Draft</b> <i>Wildland Fire Use – Implementation Procedures Reference Guide</i> , March 2005; and <i>Interagency Strategy for the Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy</i> , June 2003.
<b>OBJECTIVES:</b>	At the completion of the pre-course work, participants will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Describe how wildland fire use can be used as an appropriate management response to a wildland fire.</li><li>2. Describe components of the wildland fire implementation plan.</li></ol>

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### ***Interagency Strategy for Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy, June 2003***

Within current policy documents, wildland fire use is considered an appropriate management response to a wildland fire start. The following flow chart, which you reviewed earlier in your pre-work reading shows the full extent of management options. Fire use can be a tool used on a naturally ignited wildland fire if the unit has a fire management plan approved, depending upon resource management objectives presented in that plan.

The definition of wildland fire use from the Implementation Strategy is as follows and can also be found in the new *Draft Wildland Fire Use – Implementation Procedures Reference Guide*, February 2005, which we will review below.

**Wildland Fire Use:** The application of the Appropriate Management Response to naturally ignited wildland fires to accomplish specific resource management objectives in predefined designated areas outlined in Fire Management Plans. Operational management is described in the Implementation Plan (Wildland Fire Implementation Plan [WFIP]).



plan consisting of three stages appropriate for changing levels of fire complexity and management needs.

Effective and efficient implementation of wildland fire is the goal of the Federal Fire Policy. Managing wildland fires to accomplish resource objectives, maintain public and firefighter safety, and manage cost expenditures requires significant information archival to document the management decision process for wildland fire use and other wildland fires. This evolving documentation process has been the cornerstone of successful applications of wildland fire use over the past 30 years.

## **B. M-581 Fire Program Management**

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### **I. ACTIVITY 1**

Reading and answering questions.

#### **A. INTRODUCTION**

The activity will provide clarification of the policy through complete descriptions of the flowchart, terminology, required background documentation, and interpretations and implications.

This activity will give you an opportunity to:

1. Review the procedures and requirements to implement the full range of wildland fire use management actions within an appropriate management response framework.
2. Review fire management definitions.
3. Review required background documentation.
4. Review wildland fire management policy.

#### **B. ASSIGNMENT**

1. Read the *Wildland Fire Use - Implementation Procedures Reference Guide*, March 2005 Chapter 1 and Chapter 2.
2. Answer the following questions:
  - a. Can the full range of management options be used on a human caused fire?
  - b. What information must be provided in your fire management plan to have a wildland fire use program?

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### II. ACTIVITY 2

Reading and answering questions.

#### A. INTRODUCTION

The information found in this document will provide clarification of policy and current direction for implementation of the federal wildland fire management policy.

This activity will give students an opportunity to:

1. Review the *Interagency Strategy for the Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy*.
2. Review the policy implementation flowchart.
3. Review updated fire management definitions.

#### B. ASSIGNMENT

1. In the *Interagency Strategy for the Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy* document, which can be accessed at the site listed, read the following pages. [http://www.nifc.gov/fire\\_policy/strategy.htm](http://www.nifc.gov/fire_policy/strategy.htm)
  - Read #6, page 2 of the Operational Clarification for Consistent Implementation.
  - Read page 9-12 of the Policy Implementation Flowchart.
  - Read Appendix A – Glossary, and B – Variation in Terminology (Source Comparison).
2. Answer the following questions:
  - a. Can the full range of management options be used on a human caused fire?
  - b. What information must be provided in your fire management plan to have a wildland fire use program?
  - c. Did these requirements change?

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### III. ACTIVITY 3

Reading and answering questions.

#### A. INTRODUCTION

This activity will provide a complete description of each portion of the flowchart shown above with associated implementation procedures.

This activity will give you an opportunity to:

1. Review the wildland fire implementation procedures in the absence of a fire management plan.
2. Review the wildland fire implementation procedures with an approved fire management plan.

#### C. ASSIGNMENT

1. Read Chapter 3, of the *Wildland Fire Use Implementation Procedures Reference Guide*, March 2005.
2. Answer the following questions:
  - a. What is the purpose of giving management the ability to select an appropriate management response such as wildland fire use?
  - b. When would you go from a Stage I Wildland Fire Implementation Plan to a Stage II?
  - c. When would you go from a Stage II to a Stage III Wildland Fire Implementation Plan?
  - d. In which stage of the WFIP would you describe your long-term actions?
  - e. How often would a wildland fire use fire be revalidated?